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MEMORANDUM FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: Al Haig

SUBJECT: Talking Points for Interagency Committee
Meeting on Korean Incident

Attendees

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

State:	Brown
Defense:	Nutter:
Joint Chiefs:	McPherson
CIA:	Karamessines

Initially, make the following points:

1. President is considering two responses to the incident:
 - (a) Option 1 - a military response
 - (b) Option 2 - a diplomatic response combined with repeat reconnaissance missions with fighter escort.
2. This ad hoc interagency group has been convened to initiate complete integrated interagency planning to implement either course of action following Presidential decision.
3. Decision could come at any time, hence actions outlined today are of the highest priority but at the same time, because of their extreme sensitivity they must be held tightly at all echelons.
4. It is contemplated that the group will be convened with augmentation if necessary twice daily until further notice.

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5. Because of the importance of this subject, bureaucratic delays cannot be tolerated and deadlines must be promptly met. Only exceptions will be made by the Chairman.

6. Have each individual leave telephone numbers where he can be reached on a 24-hour basis.

Then proceed to discuss work that needs to be done:

1. We have prepared a list of the papers that needs to be done (pass out copies).

2. Are there any questions about what is wanted.

3. To insure consistency in the drafts, we have prepared a draft rationale for both courses of action. (Pass out)

4. We should discuss these now.

At the conclusion of the meeting you should:

1. Reiterate that deadlines must be met.

2. Caution against giving any impression to those not involved or to the press that we are in a crisis.

3. Call another meeting for Friday, 10:00 a.m.